

Removal of manual scavenging

2464. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the concern of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for removing manual scavenging from India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Prime Minister had called meeting of concerned Ministers to know progress and find out solution on the inhuman practice; and

(c) if so, the details of the actions to be taken by his Ministry and others too?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) On 5th July, 2006 the Prime Minister took a meeting of the concerned Ministers on Abolition of Scavenging in the country.

(c) The State Government have been impressed upon to implement the ongoing schemes effectively.

Decline in profit earned by HUDCO

2465. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that profit earned by HUDCO during 2005-06 has been reduced by 30 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the current year the earning of HUDCO is also low in the first half of financial year, if so, what is net profit/loss during this period; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to improve its functioning affecting loss in its earning and to earn profit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir. During 2005-06 the profit of HUDCO has been reduced. The profit after tax for 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as under:

Profit after tax (2004-05)	Rs. 396.77 crores
(After adjustment of tax for earlier years)	